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# MEANS VS PRAYER

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In this age, I find that people have recourse to means, but are indifferent to prayer. Regard for means has increased to such an extent that wordly means has occupied the place of God, and prayer is ridiculed and considered useless. All this is due to European influence. But God wants to counteract this poison. Hence, He has established this Movement so that people may know God and realise the real value and efficacy of prayer. There are some people who have recourse to prayer, but still remain deprived of its benefit and blessings. The reason is that they are unaware of the principle and conditions of prayer, and want to see a quick effect and reuslt of prayer, and, in the long run, get tried. But this is not the right way. That fact is that, on the one hand, due to the evil infleunce of the time, people have beceme worshippers of means and indifferent to prayers; they have lost faith in God and do not feel the necessity of righteousness. On the other hand, ignorance and lack of true knowledge has brought about their spiritual death. The result is that, forsaking the truth and the right path, they have invented other ways and methods, and consequeutly they are being led astray, and are not attaining success.

The first thing necessarary is to have perfect faith in the Being to Whom prayer is addressed, to beiieve Him to be Omnipresent, All-hearing, All-seeing, All-Aware, Interferring in man's affairs and All-Powerful, to have faith in His existence, and to believe that He hears and accepts prayers.

(Malfuzat, Vol VI, pp. 209,270)

## HIJRI SHAMSI CALENDAR

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III has instructed that the Hijri Shamsi Calendar should be made use of instead of the Christian Calendar.

The names of the months of the Hijri Shamsi Calendar are as followers :

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| Sulh | for January |
| Tabligh | ,, February |
| Aman | ,, March |
| Shahadat | ,, April |
| Hijrat | ,, May |
| Ihsan | ,, June |
| Wafa | ,, July |
| Zahur | ,, August |
| Tabuk | ,, September |
| Akha | ,, October |
| Nabuwat | ,, November |
| Fath | ,, December |

Number of the days of the months of the Hijri Shamsi Calendar are the same as those of the Solar Calendar. The Hijri Shamsi 1347 year corresponds with the 1968 C.E. That means that Ist of June 1968 is Ist of Ihsan 1347. Readers are requested to use the Hijri Shamsi Calendar especially in correspondence with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, the Offices at the Headqurters and the members of the Community.

# Friday Sermons

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The following is a summary of Hazrat Amir-ul-Momin's Sermon delivered on May 10, 1968.

Commenting upon the verses :

"O ye who believe ! spend out of what We have bestowed on you before the day comes when there shall be no buying and selling, nor friendship, nor intercession ; and it is those who disbelieve that do wrong to themselves." (2 : 255)

"If you lend to Allah a good loan, He will multiply it for you, and will forgive you ; and Allah is most appreciating, Forbearing." (64 : 18),

Hazrat Amir-ul-Mominin Khalifatul Masih III said :

In these verses Allah tells us that if we set apart a portion of our wealth and spend it in His Cause, He will increase our wealth. This increase, in this life, will be both material and spiritual, in as much as, our material wealth, too, will be increased, and we shall also progress in righteousness and sincerity. The expression, "He will forgive you," refers to the fact that the obstacles in the way of our spiritual progress will be removed, and Allah's forgiveness will envelop us. Despite the fact that all that we have, belongs to Him, is given to us by Him, and if we return some-thing to Him out of what he has given us, He appreciates it, and grants increase in our material wealth as well as opens avenues for our spiritual advancement, the increase He will grant in the Here-after, can not be conceived of by our brain because in return for a few days insignificant work and sacrifice, He will bestow on us eternal bliss in Paradise. In this connection Hazrat Amir-ul-Muminin referred to the fact that in the recent years, Allah granted many-fold increase to the income of our farmers, and if our farmers adopt the right ways and means, Allah will, in accordance with His promise, further increase their wealth and income.

Referring to the Quranic Verse, من يتخذ ما ينفق مغرماً i.e. "Who regard what they spend as a burden", Hazrat Amirul-Mominin said that there are some among rural people who consider spending something in the path of God as a burden, that is to say, they do not find pleasure in spending some-thing in the the Divine Cause. They should remembr that what Allah demands from them belongs to Allah Who only wants to make us deserving of His grace and favor by taking back from us something of His own.

Referring to another Quranic verse, Hazrat Amirul-Muminin said that among the rural people there are some who consider spending in the way of Allah as a means of attaining nearness to God and the benediction of the Prophet. In this connection Hazrat Amirul-Muminin said that the Holy Prophet, peace and blessing of Allah be on him, prayed much for his community which will exist till the end of days. After him his Khulafa (Successors) have been praying for the all-round welfare and perpetual progress of his community and will continue to do so till the Day of Resurrection. In short, a class of people consider spending in the cause of Allah as a means of

winning the pleasure and nearness, mercy and grace, of Allah, and benedictions and blessings of the prayer of His Prophets and their Successors.

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So, while there are people who consider spending in the cause of Allah a burden, there are also such people as consider it a means of attaining Divine blessings. Such people serve as a model for others.

Those who are weak in faith should take lesson from the case of those who are making sacrifice in the cause of Allah, and note how Allah has been showering His blessings upon their wealth, and sending His mercy and grace upon them. Being inspired by their example, they should strive not to lag behhind but to go forward, rather excel them.

In conclusion, Hazrat Amirul Mominin prayed that Allah may enable all members of the community, urban or rural, to sacrifice everything, life as well as property, in His cause, and thereby witness the manifestation of the Appreciating, Forgiving and Merciful God.

1. In his Sermon delivered on May 31, Hazrat Amirul-Muninin Khalifatul Masih III drew the attention of the Jamaat to the grand purpose for which man has been created, namely, to worship God, that is to say, to love Him and do His will, and there-by to make himself deserving of His great Grace and Favour. But to worship God in the true sense of the term, he said, is not possible simply by our own efforts. So we should constantly pray to God that He may, through His Grace, enable us to do our duties to Him and His creatures, and there-by win His pleasure and attain nearness to Him.

2. Referring to a saying of the Promised Messiah, peace and blessing of Allah be on him, Hazrat Amirul-Muminin, in his sermon delivered on June 8, said that to get rid of sin man is in need of the living God, Who manifests Himself through the manifestations of His different attributes.

Referring to the attributes of Rahmaniyat (Beneficence and Grace) and Rahimiyat (Bounty and Munificence), he gave some examples of the manifestation of these attributes in the cases of some members of the Jamaat. He then exhorted the members to appeal to these two attribtes of God in order to witness the manifestations of His Beneficence grace, bounty and manificence, in their own cases. He particularly stressed the point that when all means and even prayers fail to achieve the desired object, we should ardently solicit the manifestation of the attribute of Rahmaniyat under which God provides for the necessities of His creatures without being asked or without any action on the part of His creatures. If we appeal to this Attribute, we shall, he assured, witness manifestations of His beneficence and grace, which will increase our fatih and Divine knowledge.

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## Another Missionary of Islam leaves for Africa

Maulvi Fazl Ilahee Anwari who had formerly been missionary in Ghana (Africa) and Frankfurt (Germany), and was back to Rabwah only a few months back, has been sent to Nigeria (Africa) for exaltation of the Message of Islam. He left by the Chenab Express on June 6. A large number of people assembled at the Railway Station to see him off, and prayed for his safe journey and success in the propagation of Islam.

# *Hazrat Khalifatul Masih in Switzerland*

*(Cantinued from last Issue)*

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On the second day of Hazrat Sahib's stay, a lunch was held in his honour. At which among others, the following were present which shows, how different sections of the society were more or less represented.

His Excellency Necmettin Tuncel, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey,

Mr. Yavuz Aktulga, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey

Mr. Cihat Alpan, Consul of the Republic of Turkey

His Excellence Alhaji Sule Dede Kolo, Ambassador of Federal Republic of Nigeria

Mr. Ja Kontoh, Charge d' Affairs, Republic of Ghana

Mr. Hope K. Yomekpe. Consul General from Geneva, Republic of Ghana

Mr. Roger Unger, Consul, France

Mr. E.G. Renk, Consul of Denmark and Director General of United Bank of Switzerland

Dr. Barakat Ahmed, Ist Secretary of Republic of India

Mr. Hossein Chahidzadeh, Minister, Charge d'Affairs, Iran

Mr. Majid Roshangar, Secretary of Iranian Embassy

Mr. Karl Ketterer, Member of Confederation's and Canton's Parliaments

Professor Dr. Eduard Schweizer, Rector of the University of Zurich

Dr. W. Heyden, Municipal Commissioner, who supported the case of the Mosque in Municipality discussions

Dr. M Fadhil al Jemali, Ex-Prime Minister of Iraq

Dr. Paul Bruderlein, President of the Society Turco-Suisse and Chief of Archivar Nzz (Neue Zurcher Zeitung)

Mr. Werner Steinegger, exacutive of Swissair

Dr. M. I. Hassan

Dr. Ismail Hassan

Mr. Idris Husseinzadeh Khoyi

The lunch was just starting, when we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Abbas Ahmad Khan. This Mosque has a very close association with the mother of Mr. Abbas Ahmad Khan, revered daughter of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), Hazrat Syeda Amatul Hafiz Bagum Sahiba, on account of her laying its foundation stone, in June 1962, At the same time came also worthy Imam of the Nour Mosque Frankfurt Mr. F. I. Anwari. After lunch, the proceedings started with a recitation of the Holy Quran by Dr. Ismail Hassan. Imam Mushtaq Ahmad Bajwa then presented his address, which is given below:

My Master, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih! Your Excellencies and the gentlemen!

In this small but distinguished gathering, some may desire an introduction of our Movement and our revered Head.

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was founded by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be on him) in 1889 in Qadian, India. His mission in short was to make the Muslims true Muslims and to explain the beauties of Islam to all others, with perfect and absolute humility. The present Head is his third Successor.

The Movement has active missionary work in 33 countries of both East and the West. It is running colleges and schools-in West Africa alone there are no less than 50 schools-and has recently started establishing dispensaries in place where medical aid was badly needed. It has translated Quran into different languages and is publishing them gradually. Of the European Languages, translations are available in English, Dutch, German and Danish, some of which have gone into second and even third print. It has published scores of books on Islam in different languages and is regularly issuing about 30 journals and papers in different countries in their languages. It has built more than 300 Mosques outside the Indo-Pakistan sub-continent, in various parts of the globe. The latest addition is the Copenhagen Mosque, the sixth in Europe, the opening ceremony of which shall be performed by our beloved head on the 21st of this month.

Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad (may God be pleased with him!). the second successor of the Holy Founder of the Movement (peace be on him!) established a separate organisation at the centre in 1934 to conduct the work of foreign missions, the present president of which is Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, who is also accompanying the revered Head of the Movement.

My Master! I may be excused to say a few words of introduction about you, Sir. Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad memorized the Holy Quran, did Arabic Honours, took his degree at the Punjab University and proceeded to Oxford of which he is an M. A. On entering practical life, he proved himself to be a varsatile genius—as an academician, organizer, administrator and leader of men. In November 1965, he was electdd to be the Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement.

My Master! You have done us a great honour by visiting us and I express the deep gratitude of the Community and the friends for this favour.

Worthy guests! We are very much indebted to you also for your kindness in joining us in welcoming our Master, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih.

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He was followed by his Excellency Alhaji Sule Dede Kolo, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who came all the way from Geneva to attend this function. His Excellency said :

I apologise that I shall have to speak in English because my German is not very good.

Distinguished guest of honour Your Ecellencies, ladies and gentlemen! I need not say how highly honoured and how pleased I am to be called upon to speak on your behalf, to welcome here our distinguished guest, Mirza Nasir Ahmad, the Supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

I am sure after what the first speaker has said, there is very little that I can add. to introduce our distinguished guest to day. Nor do I think that the Movement which he represents needs a lot of introduction.

The Ahmadiyya Movement is a world-wide organisation. It is known throughout the continents of the world. And if I may, with humility, mention just one example of the work of this movement, I might say, in my country, Nigeria, this Movement has been one of the leaders of all other religious Movements, in bringing development to the country, educationally, socially and from the point of view of health. It is a movement which tries to keep up-to-date and strives to be modern in its approach towards the problems of Islam to-day.

# NOTES & COMMENTS

## The Bible

Reveewing the student life in the U S.A. (especially the students who are to graduate from the Universities this year) the Time (News Magazine, U.S.A.) of 7th June says :—

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"One book that the Class of '68 does not read very much is the Bible; by and large, graduates dismiss institutional churches as irrelevant or unimportant. Nonetheless, Roman Catholic Philosopher Michael Novak of Stanford thinks that there may be "more religion among students who now act on their conscience than among those who sit in church every Sunday seeking to be blessed". The Protestant dean of chapel at Standford, the Rev. B Napier, enthusiastically endorses this year's seniors, who, he says, "embrace an authentie, courageous morality that sees obscenity where it really is—in all schemes that thwart the realization of full humanity anywhere, from the campus to Saigon, or to hell and back".

One likes to agree with the Roman Catholic Philosopher Michael Novak of Stanford that there may be more religion among students who now act on their conscience than among those who sit in church every Sunday seeking to be blessed.

## Fazl-i-Omar Talimul Quran Class

The Jamaats in Pakistan have responded to the call of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III with great sincerity and sent a large number of students for the Fazli-Omar Talimul Quran class starting from July 1. As already announced the students will he taught the Holy Quran, Hadith and the books of the Promised Messiah. They will also be given training in speech making. The Ulema of the Community will address the class on various subjects, the notes of which will be supplied to the students in a booklet form so that they can hav a permanent record of what they are told and they can also make use of these notes when they get back to their stations.

During their stay at Rabwah the arrangements for the lodging and boarding is made by the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya.

## Waqf-i-Aarzi

Whoever you are and wherever you are, you can and you should take part in Waqfi Aarzi. You have to dedicate two to six weeks to carry our the work of propagation and teaching the Jamaat at your own expense, but the place where you have to go will be fixed by the Waqfi-Aarzi Department—or your Amir and Missionary Incharge in the case of Foreign Missions.

Ch : Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, Judge of the International Court of Justice, Hague, has been told by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih to spend his Waqfi-i-Aarzi period in Ireland.

Hazrat Sayeda Umme Matin, the President of the Lajna Imaullah (Central) has urged the members of the Lajna all over the world to dedicate for a period of two weeks to six weeks so that they can be allotted some task - especially of teaching the Holy Quran to women and children, in their own towns. It is extendining the blessings of Waqfi-Aarzi to the women section also and they must make the best use of it. Some of the Foreign Missions are already actively taking part in the scheme.

# Islam Gaining Popularity in America

The following news item may be of interest to our readers. Islam is real y gaining popularity in America and the Ahmadiyya Mission, though left out from this news item, is playing an important role. The Ahmadiyya literature and the speech tours of our Missionaries go a long way in removing the mis-conceptions about Islam and the Muslims. Maulvi Maqbool Ahmad Qureshi is the Missionary incharge of the Ahmadiyya Mission in the United States. The first Missionary to this land was late Dr. Mufti Mohammad Sadiq, beloved companion of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him. Editor.

Tripoli, June 16: Hundreds of Americans are embracing Islam in the United States, Dr. Mohsin Albeli, Director of the Islamic Centre at California, disclosed here.

He told the PPI that while many Americans in California had already embraced Islam, more were pouring into the Islamic Centre regularly to become Muslim and lead their lives according to the Islamic concept.

Dr. Albeli, who is also the Professor of Islamic Studies at University of South California, added that the Americans embracing Islam were from all walks of life. One of these, who embraced Islam, was a 27-year-old Jewish lady—she is now a staunch Muslim, offering prayers five times a day.

Dr. Moesin Albeli led a three-member team to Libya and other Arab States to raise funds for the Islamic Centre in California. The other two members were Dr. Sabri Alfarrah and Mr. Mohsinul Hadi Salem.—PPI.

## Siratun Nabi Meetings

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Siratun Nabi meetings were held all over Pakistan on the 9th of June. At Rabwah the meeting was conducted by Maulana Abul Ata at the Masjid Mubarak. The speakers included Maulvi Dost Mohammad Shahid, Mr. Ata-ul-Majib M. A., a student of the Jamia Ahmadiyya, Maulana Ghulam Ahmad and Maulana Ghulam Bari Saif. Along with the poems of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, some of the local poets recited their own verses also.

The main theme of the speeches was that the Holy Prophet is the only living Prophet, attachment with whom can raise the spiritual status of a man and nearness to God can become easier. It was also stressed that the blessings of the Holy Prophet would continue till the end of this world and therefore it was essential for all the people of all the ages to come to him and seek spiritual favours from him. The chairman of the meeting invited the attention of the audience to the fact that as directed by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, Tasbih-o-Tahmid and Darood (Subhan allah wa bi hamdihi, Subhan allah hil Azim, Allahumma Salli ala Mohammadin wa Aali Mohammadin) should be recited regularly and that would certainly attract the blessings of God on the individuals as well as on the Community in its collective form.

# *Father or the Son—?*

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There are certain things people do not like to admit, even though every word and every action of theirs bears witness to the fact that consciously or unconsciously they are merely camouflaging the truth - they are hiding somewhere in the depths of their hearts what they think has nothing to do with their thoughts, beliefs or actions. A concrete example of that is the reverence the Christians have for Jesus Christ. No doubt they call him the son of God, but the fact remains that God the father has gone out of the picture and the only figure left behind is that of Jesus. The Christians won't admit that Jesus has taken the place of the father—it is he who does every thing, and who is considered to be responsible for all that happens - or does not happen—in this world. But that is the truth that cannot be denied easily.

Anothny Towne has now let the cat out of the bag. He is a satirist and two years ago, he published an "Obituary of the Deity" in consequence of the "God is Dead" Movement. As a sequel to that obituary, Towne has now published "Diaries of the late God". One entry in the "Diary" should be of great interest to the Christians. It reads :

> "Nobody, I notice ever makes a fuss over my birthday."

This, Towne, says, is rather being touehy about the Christmas celebrations.

The fact is that the Christians really take Jesus to be mone important that God the father himself. I personally have an experience of that. Once at a meeting where the Christians and the Muslims were present the Christians wanted all of us to raise hands to pray before starting the meeting. I suggested that the prayer should be offered to God - instead of Jesus - whom they believe to be the son of God. The Christian friends were stunned and refused point blank to agree to the suggestion. And the prayer, therefore had to be offered separately the Muslims directed their prayers to God, while the Christians invoked the name of Jesus the Christ.

The book has been reviewed in TIME (7-6-1968) which makes an interesting reading and gives the inner story of the Christian belief about God, the father. The last paragraph runs thus :

"Like many chief executives, God was henpecked by his secretary, a busybody of a woman. named Myrtle who insisted on removing the centerfold picture of Playboy before allowing him to read the magazine. He was bored stiff by the routine of his job, especially Sunday morning "tune-in duty" when he monitored church services on earth. He sometimes complained of the lonely burden he bore as ruler of the universe. "The buck, as Mr. Truman said stops here," God wrote. "And I mean it *really* stops here. I would give my omniscience to be able to pass just one decision on to higher authority".

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# ISLAM NEEDS SELFLESS WORKERS

ABDUL HASSAN ALI writing in the MUSLIM NEWS (South Africa) of Friday 19th April, 1968 says inter alia, "Never was the world more ripe to accept Islam than it is today. But the question is: Are we going to show the way? One notes with feelings of acute pain and deep dismay that Islam continues toi be deprived of many willing convets due to the absence of publicity on the part of its own followers. And the tragedy is that the Muslims are stll showing no signs of waking up to this paramount need of the hour".

Mr. Ali seems to be distressed. He feels for Islam and the Muslims and is constrained to say: "But the Nemesis has yet to come! Our Ulema, instead of reviving the flame of Faith in the hearts of Muslims or doing constructive work for Islam, are either dissipating the energies in hair-spliting and mud-slinging upon each other or engaged in eulogising unscrupulous rulers for gaining personal favours thereby throwing the doors open for the enemies of Islam, both from whithin and without, to have their way".

As for the the remedy, he suggests: "The greatest Jihad of our times, therefore. is to shepherd Muslims home: Muslims beguiled bv the fleeting glamours of the so-called Western civilisation, bordering on stark materialism, rank nationalism, utilitarian ethics, and search for sensual pleasures through topless beauties and bottomless bottles. For this task we require a group of selfless workers with the faith of pilgrim and hope of a martyr who may not leave the battlefield till the last shot is fired".

Let all of us march forward with the faith of a pilgrim and hope of a martyr, as Mr. Ali has suggested, and we pray to God that He enable every Muslim to take up the spiritual arms and jump into the battlefield. The task is great and the workers are few. Help us O' God.

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## Building of the Hearts

Referring to the material sacrifices especially those connected with the building properties, Hazrat Muslih Mauood once said "The Promised Messiah says that God has sent us to put up the buildings of the hearts. What have we to do with the buildings of the bricks and the stones? He also says that in future those who will put up buildings of marble, will decorate them with gold. Leave this work for them. Let us put up the buildings of thc hearts. If, therefore, we have to dispose of these buildings it will not matter much. So long as we can carry on the real work and execute our duty, otherwise, we can leave them as they stand, but whenever we will realise that the honour of Islam demands disposal of these buildings, we will certainly not waste even a moment to sell them. No consciencious Ahmadi will like that his own house should remain in tact while the buildings of the nation be sold out; his piece of land should remain secure while the land of Islam is sold out. So long as we have sincere members in our Community, that will never happen".

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# This is Rabwah

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*Mr. Rafiq Tschannen, a Swiss Ahmadi, while addressing the Swiss Ahmadis said about Rabwah, inter alia :*

I was very happy to, also from may place of work, visit Rabwah again and again.

WHY ? What is Rabwah? What makes you go there again and again ? The centre of the Ahmadiyya Community was since its foundation upto 1947 in Qadian, India. In course of the separation of the sub-continent India in the Islamic Republic Pakistan and the hindu-part India Qadian was allotted to India. A departure started, a search for a new home. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih The Second saw in a dream one place. During the search for a new home he found this place on the border of the river Chenab. Never water was found here and as the land is somewhat elevated it could also not be watered by the river. This place therefore was considered as uninhabitable. But Hazrat Khalifatul Masih The Second chose this place to stay. His family and his followers came after him. Rabwah was created.

## For Record Purposes

If you come across a book, an article or a passage in article which you think can be of interest to those who want to study Islam, please let us have a copy of it. The book will be reviewed in these pages, the article or the passage will be published for record purposes. Your kind gesture will be duly acknowledged.

*Quotes*

## Time, 10 May, 1968

"Church authorities estimate that ideally there should be one priest for every 800 Catholics; worldwide, the ratio is now about one for every 1300 Catholics - and it is getting worse. In 1966, the number of Catholics increased by 11,000,000; but they gained only 5,000 news priests. Major crises countries, said the Cardinals, include Spain, Brazil, Argentina, and the U S. According to the 1968 official Catholic Directory, the nation's total of priests last year decreased by 89 - the first drop since at least 1940.

"What especially worries church officials is an even more startling decline in Seminary enrolment, which the Cardinals rather gratuitously attributed to today's "atmosphere of materialism". In the past decade, 45 French dioceses have had to close down their major Seminaries for lack of applicants, and even in strongly Catholic Spain the dropout rate among candidates to the priesthood is nearly 50 percent U.S. Seminary enrolment last year fell by 5,541-more than twice in decline of 1966'.

## To Our Readers

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## An Item of Great Interest

Maulvi M. A. Saqi reports from Liberia that the Sunday Digest of Daily Listener, Monorovia. in its issue of April 28, 1968 published an article entitled 'Why I Believe in Christianity' by a certain Christian named Winifred Rose, which is a word for word copy of 'Why I believe in Islam' by late Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (Allah be pleased with him). He has sent a copy of the above paper to us. The plagiarist has changed the word 'Islam' Wherever it occours in the original article, to 'Christianity, and whrever in the original article any tradition of the Holy prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) was quoted, that has also been reproduced in full with the difference that in place of 'Holy Prophet' the plagiarist has put 'a great Christian'.

For instance advocating good treatment towards wives, the original article contained the following :

"This was put beautifully by the Holy Founder of Islam when he said : A person who ill-treats his wife during the day and loves her at night acts in complete contradiction of the beauty of human nature. He also said, 'The best of you are those who treat theirs wives best."

The plagiarist has reproduced these traditions, words for word, and cleverly attributed them to 'a great Christian'. This is nothing less than a clear admittance of the spueriority of Islam over Christianity. It shows that intelligent Christians strongly feel in their hearts that it is only Islam which offers teachings conducive to the welfare of humanity in general. It is a good illustration of the truh of the prophecy contained in the verse

ربما يود الذين كفروا لو كانوا مسلمين

'Often will the disbelievers wish that they were Muslims.' (15 : 3).

## WILL

*I Mamode Aniff Jowaheer* S/o *Late Ahmad Jowaheer, Trader.* Aged, *38* Date of Bai'at *1938*, Residing at *Bradshaw Street, Rose Hill Mauritius* on Solemn affirmation voluntarily, free of all compulsion and without fear, this *21st* day of month *May 1967*, hereby make the following Will :

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1. I am earning *Rs. 500/-* Approx per *month* at present. I bequeath *1/10* of my income in favour of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan, Rabwah. If my income increases or decreases I shall inform the Anjuman about this fact and the payments will be made accordingly.

2. I own the following property, immoveable and moveable at present :

   One house at L'eoville Street Rose Hill, Mauritius Valued at Rs. 17,000.00 (Seventeen thousand Rupees) I bequeath *1/10* part of this property in favour of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan, Rabwah.

8. Whatever property I own at the time of my death I bequeath *1/10* of it in favour of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan, Rabwah.

4. This Will of mine becomes operative from *21.5.67* and shall remain so till my death.

Mamode Aniff Jowaheer
Bradshaw St. Rose Hill
Maurititius

Witnesses :
1. Nasir Ahmad Sookia G-Secretary
2. Ahmad Yadullah Bhunnoo.
   Secretary for Properties.